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BROOKLYN, LONG ISLAND, UNIT OPENED FALL SESSIONS OCTOBER 12th

The sixth meeting of the Brooklyn-Long Island unit of the C. L. A. was scheduled for October 12th at Cathedral College, Brooklyn. Mr. Welden, librarian, has made plans for a large and enthusiastic get-together of this pioneer group. Since May, 1934, members of the C. L. A. in and about the Brooklyn-Long Island district have been assembling periodically at different libraries where informal sessions have been held for the consideration of pertinent problems. Libraries already visited are those of Brooklyn Prep, Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, St. John's Prep, St. Angela Hall, and the residence of Mrs. K. Barry, where a bookbinding seminar was held.

EUGENE P. WILLGING INITIATES A GUIDE TO PAMPHLET LITERATURE

The September issue of *Catholic Action* announced a further service to Catholic librarians in the inauguration of *The Pamphlet Survey*, a review and information project covering the pamphlet publications field in a manner similar to the *Book Survey* and *C. P. I.* Credit for this idea is due Eugene P. Willging, librarian of St. Thomas College, Scranton, and a very active member of the C. L. A.

The output of pamphlet publication shows a tremendous increase annually. By far the largest publisher is the Catholic Truth Society of London. In 1934 the sales amounted to 1,374,085, making a total of more than 13,000,000 in eleven years. During the same period there were some 5,000,000 American publications of this type sold to interested readers. The survey such as Mr. Willging will direct through the *N. C. W. C. News Service* will release information which will be of inestimable help to clergy and laity, schools, libraries, study clubs, etc.

A guide to pamphlets is an indispensable need today. Mr. Willging is to be congratulated on his initiative which will cause to be disseminated knowledge about a type of Catholic literature which is daily growing in popularity and usefulness.

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THE PLACE OF A LIBRARY IN PRISON

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Someone who visited the prisons of the United States in order to make a study of the various situations of prison life has said the prison libraries on the whole are disappointing.

What did he mean? He didn't tell us definitely. He was content to state some faults in the cataloging of books. He may have been a scientist, which I suspect he was. But, if his study of the prison library did not reveal anything more radically wrong than a few faults in the arrangement of the books on the shelves, he certainly was not a very discerning person.

What should he have looked for particularly in his visit? What should he have been concerned about?

An article in the *Library Journal* for March, 1, 1935, on "The Place of a Library in Prison" suggests a few thoughts that we can consider for a few moments now.

In the first place, the prison has a complex make-up. Among the inmates we find a great range of intelligence and moral training. Evidently the librarian of a prison library has in this fact a real problem in book selection especially since this complex population desires some mental escape from its troubles or at least the librarian should see that, as the custodian of books, she has a very real problem on her hands to influence this population by contact with the proper kind of reading for their hours of idleness in prison.

What to do? What would you do? Let us see. What sort of person in the first place should the librarian be? The answer does not depend on whether she is librarian in a public library, a school library, or a prison library. Every librarian, I think, should be the type of professional person who does not look upon her position as librarian as a job with so much pay attached, but who looks upon her position as one of personal service. She must be of the cheerful, self-sacrificing type, who is in reality the perfect embodiment of personality. She must be the teacher of teachers, one who is not merely acquainted but who knows every field of learning and its needs.

But what has this to do, you are asking, with the place of a library in prison? Simply this: the librarian makes the library. Somehow the books on the library's shelf take over her personality and attract, it seems, readers. They need a spokesman, these silent friends of every one of us. They borrow the librarian's enthusiasm.

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WHY WORRY?

With the advent of the school season the librarian looks disconsolately upon gaping shelves which but a few days before formed unbroken lines of order and neatness. The faculty has made its annual raid! Not that the librarian begrudges the faculty the use of books so helpful in the preparation of class work. Is it not the purpose of the library to serve? Yet, there rises in the mind of the librarian the question, "When will they return?" The answer is hidden in the future. Experience has taught the futility of "watchful waiting." Complacent resignation is perhaps the *healthiest* attitude for the librarian to assume.

But the picture is not altogether dark. For one reason or another did not books return to the library—books which have been absent some, well, the truth is bitter, *years*? When hope had almost gone, these volumes came home. Some were perhaps forgotten; some were veritable strangers, for the librarian had failed to recognize them at first glance. But they are home! And how welcome they are! What satisfaction to clean up at least a few of those long-standing records! But they did not come from the member of the faculty to whom they were charged three years ago. What matters it now that they are available to someone else—even a student?

And so season after season the same difficulty asserts itself. Why worry? Unless human nature changes, and at the present writing there is no indica-

tion that it will, books will be taken from the shelves—some recorded and others unrecorded—to be gone for an unknown period of time, to pass through unknown hands, and to be returned perchance by individuals unknown to the librarian at the time of withdrawal. That's the uncertainty of it all. So, why worry?

FATHER SYLVESTER BRIELMAIER ASSUMES NEW DUTIES IN ROME

At almost the same time that a member inquired "when will Father Brielmaier begin his next periodical exchange?" a postcard arrived from the Eternal City containing hearty greetings from genial Father Sylvester. He had scarcely unpacked when he signed up two subscribers for the *C. P. I.* And he has only begun, for he hopes "to get more when librarians get back from their vacations." He will get more, undoubtedly, for Father Sylvester has that dogged de- No better example of this sterling trait could be found than in the conduct of his magazine exchanges. His tireless and unselfish devotion has placed Catholic librarians under obligation to him. Never will they forget what he has done in their interests. To him they extend hearty and sincere best wishes for unlimited success in his new endeavors.

PUBLICATON OF INDEX TO WORLD ELICITS REQUESTS FOR BACK NUMBERS

The Index to the first six volumes of the *WORLD* has caused no small amount of interest among readers of our monthly. The editor has been deluged with requests for back numbers to fill incomplete files, as well as to acquire certain issues for special articles contained therein. A uarge number of these requests has been attended to satisfactorily. There are some back issues entirely exhausted and readers are here given an opportunity to dispose of duplicate copies. Please communicate with the following if you can be of assistance:

Miss Esther Wendell, Librarian, American Library Association, 520 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago: Vol. 1, Nos. 5, 10; Vol. 3, Nos. 2, 5-7, 10.

Sister M. Rose, St. Catherine Convent, St. Catherine, Ky.: Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 2, 5, 10; Vol. 2, Nos. 2, 5.

Miss Helen Beach, Librarian, Emory University Library School, Emory University, Ga.; Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 2, 5, 10; Vol. 3, Nos. 2, 5-8, 10.

Sister M. Norberta, Librarian, Marywood College, Scranton, Pa.: Vol. 1, No. 10; Vol. 4, No. 2; Vol. 6, Nos. 7, 10. Sister Norbeta has these issues available for exchange: Vol. 1, No. 3; Vol. 3, No. 9; Vol. 4, No. 7; Vol. 6, Nos. 4-6, 8, 9.

So many requests have come in for numbers 4 and 8 to 10 of Volume 2 that it is well to repeat again that in Volume 2, No. 4 is bound with No. 3, and No. 7 is the final number of the volume.

LIBRARY IN THE PRISON

(Continued from Front Page)

In regard to the particular problem of the prison library let us remark here that the justification of the prison library should be its importance as a factor in the rehabilitation of the prisoner. It must and it certainly can aid in preparing the prisoner to resume a normal life in society when he is released from prison.

In some prisons religion as a force in a prisoner's life may be nil. It may be that he is disgusted with what he possibly calls "being preached at." What can reach him? Ah, the inspiration that a good, well-chosen book which an intelligent prison librarian has placed in his hands. Most men do not regard the book as preaching at them. They think of its inspiration as a gentle hint which they, as intelligent men, take and put to work in their life. There is the work of the prison library and librarian! These men are in need of inspiration, religion, courage, self-confidence. They have to become humble-hearted and accept their incarceration as a penance, otherwise the prison is going to make them worse rather than better. What will give them that period of calm reflection necessary for this work in their present environment if not a good book which is suited to their age, capacity, learning and need.

The need of each prisoner is an individual one and a special one. Superficially examined some might think that it did not concern the prison librarian. But that is just where such a person would be wrong. This great need of the prisoner concerns the librarian, or should concern her at least, more than it concerns the police, the courts, the prison personnel. She can by an intelligent and sympathetic ministering to the needs of individual prisoners bring light into the life of the men confined there. She can prepare the way for the ministry of the Catholic chaplain. She can be the personal force in a life that is drab and dull but which still recognizes in human beings Him who said: "I was in prison and you visited Me."

This work in a prison, I mean this creative sort of work on the part of the prison librarian, is pioneer work. Its possibilities are far more promising in many respects than those of the parole system. It is in fact preparation for parole. And it works. I know it. You know it. For it cannot help but influence the prisoner as it influences the man outside. And personal, interested service in any field of life bears its fruit.

So much for the prison library. May God guide solid, intelligent librarians into the work that is "white for the harvest" of a better and a nobler life.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE INDEXING

"This committee, consisting of librarians of Fordham University, Notre Dame University, and St. Thomas College, was appointed in April, 1935, at the

regional meeting held at Rosemont, Pa., in order to suggest titles of collections of Catholic essays suitable for inclusion in the *Essay and General Literature Index*. Since that meeting the members have compiled three lists, recommending over 100 titles of books by authors like Barry, Blunt, Gillis, Knox, Ryan, Walsh and Windle. All of these titles will be submitted to the libraries collaborating with the *Essay and General Literature Index* through the H. W. Wilson Co., for final decision.

"We wish to include in our report an acknowledgment of the cooperation rendered by the H. W. Wilson Co., and Miss Marion Shaw, who not only gave our lists prompt attention but, in addition, placed the libraries of Fordham University, Notre Dame University, and St. Thomas College on the permanent list of Collaborators."

EDNA BECKER

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EUGENE P. WILLING, *Chairman*.

MINUTES OF THE ROUND TABLE, HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY SECTION

Third National Convention of the Catholic Library Association, June 27th, 1935

Sister Mary Louise of the Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School in Brooklyn called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock. Sister stated the purpose of the meeting, viz., to discuss our common problems and to be helpful to one another in giving more efficient Library Service. Sister then introduced Dr. William A. FitzGerald, the librarian at Brooklyn Preparatory School. Dr. FitzGerald gave a very interesting account of the Local Unit in Brooklyn and told how inspiring it was to have 40 or 50 people attend from 35 different libraries. The informality of the meeting was stressed at the outset, and the meetings were always pleasant and very inspiring. The value of the Local Unit, Dr. FitzGerald said, was that all the Librarians came to know one another intimately and through cooperative activity they may achieve efficiency in library service that would be impossible by individual effort. It was strongly recommended by the speaker that a Local Unit be started in every community.

Sister Constance asked and was told by Dr. FitzGerald that the intimacy of the Librarians called forth constructive criticisms and suggestions that never would be mentioned unless the barrier of formality had been broken down. The doctor then went on to tell of the way Mother Agatha of Wilmington, Delaware, conducted her meeting and of the consequent value not only to the Librarians but to all who attended.

Sister Ignatia of the Academy of Our Lady in Chicago asked the speaker whether, in his opinion, it was advisable to have both College and High School Librarians as members of the same Local Unit. Sister

explained that they were waiting for one of the colleges to take the initiative. Doctor FitzGerald said that although the meeting was primarily for the Secondary Schools, it was found to be an advantage to have the college Librarians present because their work overlapped in many instances. Sister Mary Louise thanked Dr. FitzGerald and recounted how he had launched the idea in Brooklyn and told of the great strides the Unit had made in the short space of a year.

Sister Mary Louise introduced Brother Ernest who, by his thirteen years of intimate contact and association with boys, is best qualified to speak on "The Boy and His Reading Time."

Brother Ernest stated that he had no prepared speech or paper and that he was going to talk informally but not at random. Brother is still a teacher and still delights in writing novels for boys. "We authors," he said, "have a difficult time in getting a large publishing house to print the books which all educators know have an untold value for the younger boy. Boys and girls go through regular reading cycles and we must realize that there will be an age in every boy's life when he wants to get serial books." Brother thinks that we ought to let the boys read these books and he compares them to the study of algebra: read one and learn the formula and you have them all. There are many Catholic serial novels for boys, e.g. Father Finn, Father Spaulding, Father Boyton, and Father Copus. This type of book will be read in the first year of High School, if the boys did not have them in the Grade school. The junior year seems to be a trying year but the second year is usually the physiological point where the trouble rises. At this time they will want to read books of the type of Zane Grey and J. O. Curwood. Brother suggests giving the boys these books but to omit the books Grey has written during the past five years. Likewise the last three books of Curwood excepting his biography, must not be placed on the shelves.

In the Senior year Jeffry Farnol and Rafael Sabatini will be the popular fiction authors.

Brother Ernest took issue with those educators who hold that reference books are the sole necessity in a library. The danger of this, Brother said, is that the boys will read fiction and unless we direct this kind of reading they will read unsatisfactory and tainted fiction. Another defect that is all too prevalent is that we do not have sufficient vocational guidance books. We should foster and encourage the ideals of the various trades and not have all our boys and girls graduate from college and wait for white collar jobs. We should ever be watchful and earnest in our endeavor to see that one who is interested in the religious life receives an unbiased book concerning that state of life and assist to find a suitable counsellor. Brother's *History of Religious Orders* and *Religion and Living* are two of the most used books in many Catholic libraries.

Sister Mary Louise thanked Brother Ernest for his very interesting and beneficial talk and remarked that she, too, had found his books to be very popular. Sister gave out a questionnaire which she had given to the first year class at her school. Unconsciously the student, by answering the questions, revealed her tastes and her preferences in reading.

The next topic entitled "Catholic Action for the High School Senior," was discussed by Sister M. Louise. A call was issued to the seniors to form a Literary Club. One hundred and fifty responded and discussed a platform. The following week 80 appeared and were told that they were to draw up their own constitution and elect their officers. Then they must sign a pledge that they will read ten minutes every day from some Catholic book or periodical. The officers were elected and the following week only 30 appeared and that number continued until February when 14 were graduated and the rest remained until their graduation in June. They drew their constitution and the members decided that they must read books and that there must be some systematic check-up. They pledged themselves to read a book a month and to give a review of the book orally and to write a review on a catalog card along with a personal reaction. The number of cards to be written was determined by the number on the committee into which the club was divided. The first month they read Historical fiction; the second, Biography; the third, Drama; the fourth, Essays; the fifth, Poetry; the sixth, Religion; the seventh, Travel; the eighth, Collective Biography; the ninth, Fiction; and the tenth, Catholic fiction. The cards were interchanged so that at the end of the year each girl had 100 titles.

Sister Fides of Baltimore then spoke on "Periodicals in the High School." The use of periodicals depends to a great extent on faculty cooperation. Sister suggested that a list of the articles covered in the periodicals should be made with appropriate headings and that this should be placed on the Bulletin Board. A discussion followed and the more popular Catholic magazines were found to be: *America*; *The Commonweal*; *Sign*; *The Ave Maria*, and the *Messenger of the Sacred Heart*. The *Catholic World*, *The Catholic Boy* and the *Catholic Girl* also were very popular. A discussion of secular magazines showed that *Fortune* and scientific magazines had much greater circulation than any of the Catholic magazines.

Sister Mary Louise used a graph to show the faculty what the library was doing for the students. Every class had a place on the bulletin board and a class that had used from one to 50 books was given a red pin; a class that used from 50 to 100 was given a purple pin, and a class of over 100 was given a green pin. This project caused quite a stir among the faculty but this soon subsided and the work commenced.

Sister Mary Louise explained the charging system in

use at her school as well as the method of taking attendance. A third project of Sister Mary Louise which was of exceptional value was to place on the Bulletin Board the portrait of some prominent Catholic author. Underneath was placed a number of slips upon which the students and some faculty members wrote the name of the author whom they thought the portrait represented. At the end of ten days the portrait was taken down and then placed on a table with the correct name and some of the more prominent works of the author. It was surprising to find that only ten knew Michael Williams, and that Agnes Repplier was better known than Father Daniel Lord. This project was very interesting and very stimulating but required a great deal of time.

Sister Mary Louise then told how she increased her circulation 100% by getting an extra book jacket and pasting it on the cover. Raedemaker of Newark issues a list of reprints that can be bought for 65 or 75 cents.

Brother Ernest started a very interesting discussion on the Catholic Book of the month. It was decided that most of those present approved of these books for the fourth year high school classes. "*Out of The Whirlwind*" was not approved. Although it is good from a literary standpoint, it contains objectionable passages.

Dr. FitzGerald told of Brother Thomas' survey of Periodical Literature, and Sister Mary Louise explained some more of the projects which she has a genius for devising. Her Character Calendar, St. Patrick's clay set-up and November Hobby week were among the most interesting.

The meeting was adjourned by Sister Mary Louise at 4:30.

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CLIPPING AND PICTURE FILES*

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In this brief introduction to the discussion on the clipping and picture file I shall touch on these points:

1. Why a Clipping File
2. How check, classify and file
3. How insure maximum use of clipping file
4. In conclusion, a question on the card index to the clipping file.

From the viewpoint of the High School Librarian there are, it seems to me, two factors at work to make the Clipping and Picture File an essential part of the Library equipment. That is, of course, the day of restricted budgets. Clippings may be a partial substitute at least for some books. Then there is the trend in teaching methods toward the socialized recitation, projects, and especially in the social sciences

toward the organization of subject matter in units which have as their beginning and end a present problem. The wisdom of investing money in the purchase of books dealing with controversial topics is doubtful. Clippings may serve, not only as an excellent substitute, but as the more usable supplementary material.

The system we use in the Clipping and Picture File is similar to the one described recently in the *Wilson Bulletin*. As regular sources for the File we have, for daily, the *Post Dispatch* and the *Globe Democrat*; for weekly, the diocesan *Messenger* and the *Register*. The *Globe* for February 17 should be checked February 18; and a weekly of February 23 should be checked during the week following March 2. Naturally, with the limited time allotted to such work it is impossible to read through the articles checked, but quick judgment from the headlines, writer, immediate value, and the demand for certain kinds of material already noted in the library, must form a basis for selection.

I mark the corners of the article to be clipped with a red pencil. Every paper that has material to be clipped is marked "X" in the upper left hand corner, while those that do not have much material are marked "O." After the papers are a week old the students go through the "X" papers carefully, and before cutting any article mark it with the date and the initials of the newspaper in black pencil.

The librarian herself does the classifying and filing. We have found the subject classification most satisfactory. The *Readers Guide to Periodical Literature* is an invaluable help in classifying. The subject heading is printed or, when possible, underscored in red on the article.

Of three possible filing systems I prefer that in which all the material goes together in one huge alphabetical arrangement like that of an encyclopedia. The merits of filing in two divisions—biography and general material—or in three divisions, biography, geography, and general—may be subject matter for discussion.

To insure a maximum use of the clippings it is important that the librarian cooperate with the rest of the faculty. It seems to be a very workable method, in the smaller schools, at least, after the clippings have been classified, to sort them into envelopes listed for the various departments. The teachers in the various fields will thus be able to check through the material when it is new, make references to it in their notes, plans of study, etc., with a critical note as to its value. They will thus be able to give more intelligent and satisfactory direction to the reference work assigned to students. At the same time, the unnecessary expenditure of time and energy required in working through the files and index for evaluating carefully the clipping references used by the students and that she do not leave this part of the work to the librarian who is not in a position to do so adequately

*Paper read at St. Louis Conference.

in view of the varying purposes for which clippings may be used. Again, making the clippings available to the teachers in classified envelopes before they are filed often gives them very valuable help in that phase of their teaching which they do through the classroom bulletin board.

Whereas the pamphlet file may, I think, very easily be part of the clipping file (the pamphlet being inserted in front of the clipping envelope), I am not so sure whether or not the same can be done with the picture file. We have the picture file separate—as is generally the case in the libraries I know. If it seems desirable to keep all materials on a person or subject together in one file, clippings might be placed in one envelope and the pictures in another of different color. However, this system involves obvious difficulties. Undoubtedly, some in this group have handled the problem successfully and will share their experience.

Those who planned this conference (which certainly has been a remarkable success and augurs well as the first in a "hoped-for-series" of Catholic Librarians' Conferences)—those who planned this conference dared depend on discussion as the chief source of value. May I then, in conclusion, solicit expressions of opinion on the feasibility (not the desirability, which to me seems obvious)—the feasibility of a card index to clipping and picture files. We have a subject catalog in which subjects are arranged by terms. We have as many index entries as we feel necessary to locate any person or subject treated in a clipping or picture in our vertical file. The headings at the top of these cards are all typed in capital letters. "See also" references showing where related material may be found are also given on the card. Naturally with the limited space generally allotted to such a file it is impossible to have a folder to correspond to every heading given in the subject heading guides. We therefore must make "see reference" cards in the catalog to show where material not given a separate folder is located and also where material asked for in two or three different ways is filed, and under which heading. Is it practicable to give the large amount of time required to keep the card index up-to-date?

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NEW BOOKS

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Selection for October

Swisher, Carl. Roger B. Taney, Chief Justice of the United States. New York: Macmillan. \$5.

An outstanding biography of the Catholic who with high distinction served as Chief Justice during the Civil War time.

Spiritual Book Associates, Inc.

Delaney, Rev. Selden Peabody. Married Saints. New York: Longmans. \$2.

To refute the mistaken notion that marriage and high sanctity are incompatible, the zealous convert-priest, lately deceased, has made interesting inquiries into the cases of married saints and has drawn sound conclusions.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Brenner, Rev. Henry, O.S.B. A Guide to Modern Life: Back to Christ. Indexes. 452 pp. St. Meinrad, Indiana: Raven Press. \$3.

This year's edition of a compilation which the author proposes to issue annually in April; it contains 429 thoughts or principles, each supported by a brief quotation from the Gospels and then by one or more excerpts from current Catholic periodicals.

Hudleston, Dom Roger, O.S.B., Editor. The Spiritual Letters of Dom John Chapman, Fourth Abbot of Downside. Preface. Introductory Memoir by the Editor. xiv and 321 pp. Index. New York: Sheed. \$3.

To numerous correspondents of various types, the late Dom Chapman, eminent Biblical and Patristic scholar, wrote informally, very often to give enlightenment on mental prayer and the process by which the soul is led to the mystical state; his letters are witty, original in their conclusions, and altogether worthy of note.

Abbot Chapman on Prayer: A Reply to a Critic in "The Month." New York: Sheed. 15 cents.

Growing out of the provocative *Letters of Dom Chapman*, came Archbishop Goodier's criticism of Abbot Chapman's views on prayer, then Dom Hudleston's reply, and finally the Archbishop's gracious acceptance of that reply, all published herein.

Le Buffle, Rev. Francis P., S.J. Prayers for the Dying. "Let Us Pray" Series, No. V. New York: American Press. 30 cents.

A new and approved translation of the official prayers of the Church for the dying is followed by a set of striking meditations on them, made according to St. Ignatius' Second Method of Prayer, that is, by exploring the meaning of each single phrase.

Moffatt, Rev. J. E., S.J. Echoes Eternal: Thoughts on Our Eternal Interests. Foreword. 155 pp. Milwaukee: Bruce. \$1.25.

Ten meditations written in familiar style in the form of letters on spiritual matters; suitable for lay readers who would grow in personal sanctity.

Mueller, Rev. F. J. Christ. Religion and Culture Series. Preface by the General Editor, Rev. Joseph Husslein, S.J. Foreword. xix and 239 pp. Milwaukee: Bruce. \$1.50.

An interesting, instructive book concerned with bringing home to readers, especially layfolk, some of the attractive phases of the Divine Personality.

EDUCATION

Sister Mary Aurelia, O.S.F., M.A., and Rev. Felix Kirsch, O.M.Cap., Ph.D. Practical Aids for Catholic Teachers: A Handbook of Material and Teaching Devices for Use in Catholic Parochial Schools. Vol. II—For Intermediate Grades; Vol. III—For Upper Grades. 8vo. Illustrated. About 500 pp. each volume. New York: Benziger. \$3.50 each volume.

Like Volume I for the lower grades, these books are unique as assisting the correlation of religion with the other subjects used in the respective grades.

Lauwerys, J. A., B.Sc., A.I.C. Education and Biology. Written with the Assistance of F. A. Baker. Bibliography. 8vo. xvi and 207 pp. 40 illustrations. London: Sands. 5s.

A lecturer in Methods of Science at the University of London Institute of Education writes this book of vital interest to Catholics as handling in its second part the manner of teaching biology and in its first part giving philosophical treatment of vitalism, sex, evolution, and the biological outlook.

Walsh, James J., M.D., Ph.D. Education of the Founding Fathers of the Republic. 370 pp. New York: Fordham University Press. \$3.50.

Dr. Walsh shows the extent, hitherto not taken into account, to which Scholasticism entered into the work of the American colleges of colonial days.

POETRY

Cody, Rev. Alexander, S.J. Peddler of Beauty and Other Poems. San Francisco: University of San Francisco Press.

Musical and interesting verses, singing of beauty in the natural and supernatural orders.

Feeney, Rev. Leonard, S.J. *Boundaries*. New York: Macmillan. \$1.50.

These hitherto unpublished verses of Father Feeney will bring abiding delight to the hearts of his legions of admirers.

Sister M. Madeleva. *A Question of Lovers and Other Poems*. Paterson, N. J.; St. Anthony Guild Press. \$1.50.

Unsurpassed in her art by any American woman writing today, Sister Madeleva gives in her newest volume lyrics of rare grace, many of them bound up with high religious experience.

O'Connell, Rev. Sir, John R., Editor. *Lyra Martyrum: The Poetry of the English Martyrs, 1503-1681*. Preface by Cardinal Bourne. Historical Introduction by the Editor. 8vo. London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne. 6s.

A handsome anthology of the religious poems of six English martyrs—St. Thomas More; Philip, Earl of Arundel; the Jesuits, Henry Walspole and Robert Southwell; and Fathers John Thules and Nicholas Postgate.

ESSAYS

Berdyaev, Nicholas. *The Bourgeois Mind*. 8vo. 120 pp. New York: Sheed. \$1.25.

In the first essay of this volume, the leader of Orthodox religious thought studies with great penetration the bourgeois mind of our time; the other essays are on Man and Machines, Christianity and Human Activity, and The Worth of Christianity and the Unworthiness of Christians.

Hartley, Olga. *Women and the Catholic Church Yesterday and Today*. 8vo. London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne. 5s.

A book of obvious value, mustering the evidence refuting the contention that the Church has impeded the emancipation of women, and examining the situation of women at the present time.

Keely, Bernard. *The Mind and Poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins*. Stones from the Brook Series, No. II. Ditchling, Sussex, England: Pepler and Sewell. 5s.

With unusual insight this essayist reveals new depths and delights in the compositions of the great Father Hopkins; the handsome volume is typical work of St. Dominic's Press.

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Albion, Rev. Gordon, D.Sc., Hist. (Louvain.) *Charles I and the Court of Rome: A Study in Seventeenth-Century Diplomacy*. Foreword by Rev. David Mathew, Litt. D. Illustrated. 8vo. London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne. 15s.

A highly important presentation of the author's researches into the semi-official negotiations carried on between Charles I of England and Pope Urban VIII beneath the surface hostility of the two administrations.

Edwards, Robert Dudley, M.A., Ph.D. *Church and State in Tudor Ireland: A History of Penal Laws against Irish Catholics, 1564-1603*. Foreword by Prof. Mary Hayden, M.A., Litt.D. 8vo. New York: Longmans. \$7.50.

Truly valuable as proving by cautious scholarly methods the futility of the efforts to introduce the English Reformation into Ireland.

Poulet, Dom Charles, O.S.B. *A History of the Catholic Church. For the Use of Colleges and Seminaries*. Authorized Translation and Adaptation from the Fourth French Edition by Rev. Sidney A. Raemers, M.A., Ph.D. Vol. II. Charts. Index. St. Louis: Herder. \$5.

Commencing with the Reformation and concluding with a summary of contemporary Church History, this book is immensely useful as a handy summary.

BIOGRAPHY

Chambers, R. W. *Thomas More*. Illustrations. Bibliographical Note. Index. New York: Harcourt, Brace. \$3.75.

A biography and interpretation of More, splendidly written from the best material accessible, and satisfying to Catholics in all but a few details.

Clody, Robert, A.M. *A Shepherd of the Far North*. 250 pp. San Francisco: Harr Wagner. \$2.

A familiar account of the life and labors of a young missionary, the Rev. William Francis Walsh (1900-1930), who lost his life in the crash of an airplane in Alaska.

Hornsby, Rev. William L., S.J., Editor. *Father Pierre Bouscaren, S.J.* Preface by Rev. Gilbert J. Garraghan, S.J. 156 pp. Milwaukee: Bruce. \$1.50.

The inspiring letters and spiritual reflections of a saintly Jesuit who died Christmas Day, 1937, at the age of 88; slightly biographical and explanatory notes are appended by the editor.

McNabb, Rev. Vincent, O.P. *St. John Fisher*. 126 pp. New York: Sheed. \$1.75.

With the spiritual element kept uppermost, Father McNabb writes skillfully the life of St. Thomas More's companion, and makes frequent application to our day of the principles involved in the case of these martyrs.

Maritain, Raissa. *St. Thomas Aquinas: The Angel of the Schools*. Translated by Julie Kernan. Illustrated by Gino Severini. 100 pp. New York: Sheed. \$1.25.

Though it is intended for young readers, older ones will be fascinated by his life written by the wife of Jacques Maritain, the eminent philosopher, and based on strict scholarship the while it is enlivened with plenty of incident and anecdote.

Otis-Cox, C., Translator. *Life of Blessed Michael Garicoits*. Revised and Authorized by the Priests of the Sacred Heart. (Betharram.) Illustrated. London: Sands. 5s.

A sketch of the simple and amiable founder of a great congregation of priests.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLLEGE SECTION Catholic Library Assn. Third Annual Convention, Washington, June 27, 1935

EUGENE P. WILLGING, *Libn., St. Thomas College,*
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Chairman. Since the *Catholic Periodical Index* is coming off the press in fall, it seems an appropriate time to discuss its history, its present status, and future prospects and to secure an expression of opinion from a representative of a magazine therein indexed. With that thought in mind we have secured speakers to discuss these various phases.

1. History of Catholic periodical indexing. Rev. Paul J. Foik.

Father Foik sketched briefly the story of general indexes as *Poole's* and *Reader's Guide*, paying attention to Catholic periodicals included therein. He followed the formation of the *Catholic Periodical Index* and concluded with a detailed analysis of the individual indexes to ten current Catholic periodicals, noting that only one or two are fairly acceptable.

2. Our present remedy, the *Catholic Periodical Index*. Miss Marion Barrows; paper read by Miss Edna Becker.

(This paper was a splendid resume of the process of constructing and publishing the *C. P. I.*: It will be published in the Handbook of the C. L. A.) Regarding improvements Miss Barrows mentioned extending the list of periodicals, indexing book reviews, using greater care in indexing of short items, etc. She made these recommendations concerning the list of periodicals: "1. That a ballot form be sent to all subscribers soon after the four year volume is issued; 2. That we now make no subtractions but as many additions to the list as may seem economically advisable; 3. Supposing we can add fifteen periodicals, let the vote of subscribers select ten, and the Editorial Board five.

3. The future of Catholic periodical indexing. Rev. Colman Farrell.

Father Farrell opened with a discussion of back-indexing which he said would be relatively more costly than current indexing because of lack of subscribers. If those libraries now engaged in back-indexing adhere to uniform style and practices of indexing, their material might be used as copy for a publication of a general Catholic Poole's. Relative to a style book, he quoted extensively from Father Foik's article in the April, 1935, CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD. An index to book reviews "cannot be secured too soon." A particular recommendation was that "a committee be appointed to collect data regarding (1) the back indexing under way in Catholic libraries but not yet reported to the association; (2) the nature of the indexes, i.e., whether separate or combined with the catalog of books; (3) whether entries are in the style of analytics as made on the L. C. cards or in the style of the C. P. I. (This is to be done with the advice of H. W. Wilson.)"

4. An editorial viewpoint on indexing. Miss Edith Jarboe.

Miss Jarboe enthusiastically supported the C. P. I. and said it was indispensable in the work of their magazine, *Catholic Action*. Concerning the idea that C. P. I. indexes could give copies of their slips to the editors of periodicals indexed for their individual volume indexes, the speaker was favorably inclined, but stated that often individual indexes are constructed in more detail or from a different viewpoint.

5. General discussion.

Taking up the status of back indexing, Mr. Willing announced that Rev. Lester Kuenzel of Columbia College had completely indexed *Catholic Educational Review*, *Catholic Historical Review*, *Studies and Thought* and had almost finished *Catholic World*, *Commonweal* and *Dublin Review*. Mr. Byrne reported that Notre Dame has an index to *Catholic Quarterly Review* and *Ave Maria*, while they are working on the *London Tablet* from 1876 to date. No other back indexing was reported.

Miss Becker suggested that Miss Barrows needed a committee of New York City librarians to aid her in deciding problems of the C. P. I. A motion recommending the formation of such a committee was passed; the motion is given below.

As Miss Barrows had mentioned in her paper the necessity of making changes in the list of periodicals indexed only after publication of a cumulated volume and not while a volume was in progress, the matter of additions and deletions from the periodical list was treated. New titles suggested were: *Colosseum*, *Liturgical Arts*, *Sign*, *Salesianum*, *St. Anthony's Messenger*, *Journal of Religious Instruction*, *Rosary*, *Poetry*, *Illustrazione Vaticane*, *Razon y Fe*, and *Etudes*. A motion was made and carried that after publication of the 1930-33 volume, the list of periodicals indexed be submitted to subscribers for votes on inclusions. The text of the motion is given below.

6. Motions passed by the College Section and presented to the body of the convention, Friday, June 28th.

A. It was moved and passed unanimously that the executive committee of the Catholic Library Association delegate power to a special advisory and executive committee to work in cooperation with Miss Barrows, said committee to be chosen from the New York City region so as to be able to meet frequently at the call of the editor and aid in deciding problems of style, inclusion of doubtful items from periodicals, etc. Title of Committee: New York Advisory Committee of the *Catholic Periodical Index*.

B. It was further moved and approved that titles now included in the *Catholic Periodical Index* and all new titles suggested for inclusion be submitted to subscribers on the same basis as provided for the other Wilson Indexes but with final power on deletion of periodicals vested in the editorial board of the *Catholic Periodical Index*.

FOUND

Miss Catherine Kegler, Catholic University Library, Washington, D. C., reports a book left in the reading room during the summer session. The volume is *Teaching of Mathematics in the Higher Schools of Prussia*, by J. W. A. Young. Accession number 200843.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Mary Barrett, Marywood, '31, has been appointed first assistant to the librarian at the Pennsylvania State Library at Harrisburg.

Mary English, Marywood, '32, has begun her duties as assistant to the librarian at the Stroudsburg State Teachers College at Stroudsburg, Pa.

Bernadette Becker, St. Catherine, '34, is now assistant librarian at the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.

Cecilia Hoffman, St. Catherine, '34, has joined the staff of the Detroit Public Library.

Mirrian Jansen, St. Catherine, '31, has been appointed librarian of the State Public School, Owatonna, Minn.

Katherine Lee, St. Catherine, '33, is following her profession at Iowa State College Library, Ames, Iowa.

Sister Mariel (Dorothea Schleck), St. Catherine, '31, formerly assistant cataloger at Holy Cross College, has been assigned librarian of Holy Angels Academy, Minneapolis.